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Enclosed in connection with the above-captioned patent application are the following:

- 1. Response to Restriction Requirement and Election of Species Requirement (3 pages)
- 2. Petition for One-Month Extension of Time (1 page)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on November 19, 2004.

A petition and fee for a one-month extension of time is included with this paper.

Applicants have included a credit card authorization for payment of the required extension of time fee. If any additional fee is required for entry of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account 06-0029 and is requested to notify us of the same.

This Response includes:

1. Remarks (Pages 2-3).

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on November 19, 2004, in which all pending claims 1-71 were subject to a restriction requirement and an election of species requirement.

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action asserted that the application includes claims directed to five distinct inventions: Group I (claims 1-36) drawn to an aqueous developer; Group II (claim 37) drawn to a developer system or apparatus; Group III (claims 38-49) drawn to a method for regenerating a used developer; Group IV (claims 50-65 and 66-67) drawn to a method for developing an exposed polymer layer-containing plates; and Group V (claims 68-71) drawn to another method for developing an exposed polymer layer-containing plates. The Office Action also included Group VII directed to an image forming method using silver halide color photographic material. Group VII is not applicable to this Application.

Applicants hereby elect Group I for examination, which includes claims 1-36. This election is made without traverse.

Election of Species

The Office Action asserted that the application includes claims directed to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species. In particular, the Office Action stated that generic claims 1-71 encompass several patentably distinct organic solvents, strong bases, weak bases, dispersing agents and polymeric materials. The Examiner requested an election of a single species each for the organic solvents, strong base, weak bases, dispersing agents and polymeric materials.

Applicants hereby elect the following species:

	Elected species	Generic Claims
Organic solvents (claims 6-9)	2 Phenoxyethanol (Example 2, Table 2 and Example 3, Table 5)	Claims 1-6 and 10-36
Strong base (claims 14-16)	Sodium Hydroxid: (Example 2, Table 2 and Example 3, Table 5)	Claims 1-15 and 17-36
Weak Base (claims 30-32)	Diethanolamine (Example 2, Table 2 and Example 3, Table 5)	Claims 1-30 and 33-36

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Dispersing Agent	Sodium octyl sulfite (Example 2, Table 2 and	Claims 1-24 and 27-36
(claims 21-26	Example 3, Table 5)	

This election is made without traverse.

Respectfully Submitted,

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